

**Town of Williamsport
Mayor & Council Minutes
February 9, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Williamsport Mayor and Council was held on February 9, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Williamsport Town Hall.

In attendance were:

Mayor James G. McCleaf II
Assistant Mayor Monty Jones
Council member Gloria Bitner
Council member Jeff Cline
Council member Tony Drury
Council member Earle Pereschuk
Council member James Kalbfleisch
Town Attorney Edward Kuczynski

Also Present – Donnie Stotelmyer, Town Clerk

Mayor James McCleaf II called the meeting to order.

Mayor James McCleaf II asked all in attendance to stand for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilman Drury to accept the minutes of the January 12, 2009 Regular Meeting and the minutes of the February 2, 2009 Workshop, seconded by Councilman Pereschuk, with all voting in favor, motion carried.

Financial Reports

Donnie Stotelmyer gave the Treasurers Report. A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Jones, seconded by Councilman Kalbfleisch to accept the Treasurer's Report 5 yes, 2 no- Councilman Cline and Councilman Pereschuk, motion carried.

Correspondence

Donnie Stotelmyer, Town Clerk read a thank you card to the Mayor and Council from the Dave Danfelt Family thanking the Town Employees for thinking of them while his wife was hospitalized.

Donnie Stotelmyer, Town Clerk read a thank you card to the Mayor and Council from the Humane Society of Washington County for the Williamsport Polar Bear Club.

Reports

Assistant Mayor Jones gave the January Sheriffs Report.

Donnie Stotemyer, Town Clerk, reported on the Board of Elections for the upcoming election to be held on March 2, 2009. The election is to elect a Mayor, Assistant Mayor, and 2 Council members. All notices have been placed in the newspaper and everything is ready to go.

Jerry Knode, from the Williamsport Museum reported that a meeting of the Museum Board will be held February 12, 2009 to discuss the upcoming USO Show. The meeting will be at 7:00p.m. at the Museum.

Legal Council

Ed Kuczynski, Town Attorney reported on the Sheetz Store Hearing that was held on February 6, 2009 at 9:30a.m. at the Washington County Circuit Court. They have 30 days to render a decision on this matter.

Council Reports

Councilman Pereschuk reported that he had a meeting with U.S. Cellular to review the current contract and review the plans and drawings of the pending requests. He also reported that the pump stations are all running fine. Councilman Pereschuk then stated his concerns with the fact that some Town Employees are talking to residents about who to vote for in the upcoming election. Town Attorney, Ed Kuczynski, advised Councilman Pereschuk that there is nothing in the Town Ordinance or Town Charter that prohibits from expressing their views or opinions. He also stated that doing it during work hours does need to be controlled.

Councilwoman Bitner had no report.

Councilman Cline thanked Councilwoman Bitner and Assistant Mayor Jones for their years of dedicated service to the Town of Williamsport. Councilman Cline reported that he and Donnie Stotemyer, Town Clerk met with the Washington County Parks Board and presented 3 project proposals for Project Open Space for the Town of Williamsport.

Assistant Mayor Jones had no report.

Councilman Drury reported that the next Merchants Meeting will be held on February 17, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. A possible upcoming Earth Day event in April will be discussed.

Councilman Kalbfleisch reported that past due notices for delinquent accounts were sent out by the Electrical Dept. If these past due accounts were collected it would be a significant amount of revenue.

Mayors Report

Mayor McCleaf reported that he went to speak with the Boys & Girls Club in our Community Outreach Mtg. They would like to start an after school program for the Middle School children as they are the ones that we are having the most significant problems with in town.

Mayor McCleaf reported that he attended the Pinewood Derby for the Scouts and everyone had a great time.

Mayor McCleaf reported that he traveled to Frostburg and spoke with the Governor about our upcoming I & I project that will be coming up under the Stimulus Package and also about things that may be coming up for the C&O Canal.

Mayor McCleaf reported that included with the next electric bill will be information on aid from the State of Maryland for utility.

Mayor McCleaf reported that he attended the breakfast for Katy, a Williamsport High School girl stricken with a rare form of cancer, and was very proud of all the support the community showed.

Mayor McCleaf also attended a breakfast sponsored by the local Scouts.

Mayor McCleaf attended the Women & Girls in Sports Banquet and was very impressed with the event.

Mayor McCleaf attended a Trail Town Meeting and brought back information for anyone who is interested. He recommended that the Town look into this and possibly going in with Hancock to apply for an ARC Grant to get a person (staff) to help us with the Rail Trail Program.

Mayor McCleaf reported that he met with the Auditors, they will be coming in 2 weeks.

Mayor McCleaf requested that the Council waive the trash fees for the Month of March based on the surplus they had last year. A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Jones, to waive the \$10.00 garbage fee for the Month of March, seconded by Councilman Drury, with all voting in favor, motion carried.

Mayor McCleaf reported that he attended the Library Board Meeting, it was requested that they receive some extra mats to catch the snow being tracked in. He also informed the Council that Mrs. Sullivan, long time volunteer for the Library had recently suffered many strokes and asked that she be kept in their prayers.

Unfinished Business

Mayor McCleaf reviewed the new dates submitted for the Downsville Ruritan Carnival now set for June 15 – 20, 2009 in the Byron Memorial Park. A motion was made by Councilman Drury, to allow the Downsville Ruritan Club use of the park for the Carnival at a cost of \$1,000.00 and they also must provide a dumpster for their use, seconded by Councilman Cline, with all voting in favor, motion carried.

Mayor McCleaf II informed the Council that Ron Hebb is still gathering information and asked that his request to use the Community Building be tabled until next month.

Mayor McCleaf held discussion on a request from Rehoboth Church to hold a Street Fair on West Salisbury St on May 30, 2009. A motion was made by Councilman Kalbfleisch to allow Rehoboth Church to hold a Street Fair on May 30, 2009 on West Salisbury St., seconded by Councilwoman Bitner, with all voting in favor except Councilman Drury who abstained from the vote, motion carried.

Mayor McCleaf presented a request from Boy Scout Troop #184 from Monroeville, PA requesting permission to camp in Byron Memorial Park on June 22, 2009 for one night. Assistant Mayor Jones made a motion to allow Troop #184 from Monroeville PA to camp in Byron Memorial Park on June 22, 2009 for one night, seconded by Councilman Cline, with all voting in favor motion carried.

Mayor McCleaf reviewed the bids that were submitted for the L. Beard Miller Pool Stabilization Project with the Council. The bids submitted are as follows:

- Milton Stamper Builders - \$56,900.00
- Oliver Homes, Inc. - \$57,291.00
- Huntzberry Brothers, Inc. - \$62,225.00
- R.A. Hill, Inc- \$70,800.00
- Royal Construction Co. Inc. - \$74,550.00
- Eastern Waterproofing & Restoration Co., Inc. - \$99,119.00
- MK Concrete Construction - \$112,152.00

A motion was made by Councilwoman Bitner to award the L. Beard Miller Pool Stabilization Project to Milton Stamper Builders, seconded by Councilman Pereschuk, with all voting in favor, motion carried.

New Business

Mayor McCleaf reviewed the Trail Towns Program with the Town Council. Mayor McCleaf would like to follow up with the Trail Town Program Staff and have them attend the March Town Meeting to address the Council members.

Mayor McCleaf informed the Council that the Washington County Recreation Department Day Camp is requesting to have the use of Pavilion 2 on June 24, 2009 for an Authentic Community Theatre at the Day Camp. Williamsport Residents will be more than welcome to attend and the event will be free to the Community. A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Jones to allow Washington County Recreation Department use of Pavilion 2 for this event, seconded by Councilman Drury, with all voting in favor, motion carried.

Citizen Participation

Gary Grimes, Town Resident asked what progress had been made at the Riverview Cemetery. Mayor McCleaf reported that the Washington County Sheriffs Dept. investigation into the vandalism at Riverview Cemetery is ongoing.

Jerry Knode, Town Resident, showed the Mayor and Council a picture of main street Williamsport from the 1996 blizzard.

A motion was made by Assistant Mayor Jones, seconded by Councilman Kalbfleisch to adjourn the meeting, with all voting in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donnie Stotlemeyer
Town Clerk
Town of Williamsport